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CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

R0031 – ALTERING THE TRIGGER POINTS FOR CT COMMISSIONING

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

Distribution Network Operators (DNO) would like the trigger points and timescales for the sending of commissioning information to be amended where the Registered Supplier initiates the Energisation of the Supply Point with their appointed Metering Equipment Manager (MEM) in relation to metering equipment with Measurement Transformers which are being pre-commissioned off-site before installation. The current process expects energisation and installation to run concurrently but in practice this is not being experienced and is affecting DNO's ability to meet their Balancing & Settlement Code (BSC) obligations.

KEY MILESTONES

	FROM	TO
DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION	08/04/2022	08/04/2022
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	08/04/2022	08/04/2022
CONSULTATION PERIOD	08/04/2022	04/05/2022
FINAL CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	27/05/2022	27/05/2022
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	08/06/2022	08/06/2022
APPEAL WINDOW CLOSURE	23/06/2022	23/06/2022

1 SCOPE

1.1 IN SCOPE

This document details the plan for assessment and consultation of the proposal to change the trigger points and timescales for the DNO to send CT Metering commissioning information when Low Voltage (LV) Current Transformer (CT) metering units are pre-installed before energisation (pre-commissioned) and are then energised later by the MEM.

1.2 OUT OF SCOPE

The change proposal will not introduce any new obligations on parties, it will simply change the trigger events and timings of when commissioning notifications are sent when a MEM energises this type of metering equipment. However, when the DNO completes the energisation change, the existing process as set out in the Code is unchanged. A BSC Change Proposal is also required to give effect to the solution proposed.

2 PROJECT STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

2.1 POINTS OF CONTACT

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2.2 REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

2.2.1 ANALYSIS & SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

The solution is fully formed and is based on the current industry design. When the MEM energises the relevant Metering Point, the sending of the D0139 (MM00036) will become the trigger point for the DNO to send the commissioning information, rather than the current date driven process set out in the Metering Operations Code of Practice (MOCoP) Schedule. There are no plans to change the date driven process when the DNO energises the metering point.

The draft legal text will be the only expected output from the solution development.

2.2.2 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

The solution is simple, well defined and aligns with an equivalent change to the BSC. We propose therefore, to align the consultation period for this change with that of the BSC change proposal. The Preliminary Change Report will be issued for a standard 15 Working Day consultation on 8 April 2022, without first being presented to the Metering Expert Panel for review.

2.2.3 FINAL ASSESSMENT

Following a standard consultation period, time has been included for a review of any consultation responses received and for those to be addressed prior to publishing the Final Change Report for a decision on 8 June 2022. The BSC decision will be made on the 7 June 2022.

2.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

2.3.1 CONSULTATION PLAN & CROSS CODE ENGAGEMENT

Co-ordinated REC and BSC consultations are proposed to ensure that relevant stakeholders receive both change consultations at approximately the same time, to ensure that stakeholders get the holistic view of the change in both codes. The BSC Plan to present their change on the 5 April and will issue their consultation on the 11 April, concluding on the 6 May 2022.

2.4 RAID

2.4.1 RISKS AND ISSUES

No Risks, issues, assumptions, or dependencies have been identified that would affect the progression of this change proposal.

2.5 DEADLINE FOR ALTERNATIVE CHANGE PROPOSALS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	08/04/2022